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## RULES OF ORDER

1. The President shall preside and decide all questions or order subjects to appeal; he shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered, and when two or more rise to speak at the same time he shall name the one entitled to the floor. Motions made and seconded shall be stated by the President previous to any discussion thereof.

2. When a member is about to speak or command any information he shall rise and address the President, and confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.

3. No person shall speak more than twice without leave from the body.

4. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave from the body.

5. Brethren invited to seats shall have the privilege to debate but not voting.

6. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order except when voting or a member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

7. The minutes shall be read subject to correction at the commencement of every session immediately after organization.

8. No member shall be allowed to sleep, spit on the floor, nor remain out of doors unnecessarily after organization.

9. No brother shall be allowed to interrupt any one speaking, and all personality shall be avoided.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed in all deliberations.

11. Any brother violating these rules shall pay a fine of 10 cents for each offense.

12. Any brother speaking otherwise out of order shall be called to order by the President, should he refuse to obey shall be fined as prescribed in Article 11.

### Officers

Rev. W. A. Roberts, President.....R. 1, Shelby, N. C.
Rev. P. C. Young, Vice-President.....R. 3, Shelby, N. C.
Bro. D. P. Oates, Recording Secretary, R. 1., Shelby, N. C.
Bro. D. H. Wood, Corresponding Secretary
Blacksburg, S. C.
Bro. B. Gingles, Treasurer.....Lowell, N. C.

## Executive Board

Rev. W. W. Price
Bro. D. P. Oates
Bro. W. Earls
Bro. B. Gingles
Bro. D .H. Wood
Rev. P. C. Young
Rev. W. A. Roberts
Rev. P. F. Maloy, D. D.
Principal W. U. A.
Bro. F. Ross
Bro. J. C. Kennedy
Bro. W. A. Bell
Bro. J. R. Hamilton
Bro. S. T. Poston

## Program

Dr. P. F. Maloy
D. P. Oates, Secretary
Rev. W. A. Roberts
D. H. Wood

## Life Members

Rev. A. Johnson.....R. F. D., Kings Mountain, N. C.
Bro. B. Gingles.....Lowell, N. C.
Sister Cendy Fox, widow of the late deceased Rev. S. Fox.
Sister Sallie Ellis, widow of the late deceased Rev. A. Ellis

## Ordaining Council

Rev. W. A. Roberts
Rev. W. W. Price
Dr. D. J. Avery
Rev. C. F. Gingles
Rev. G. V. Gaston
Dr. P. F. Maloy

## Ministers of the Association

Rev. W. A. Roberts.....R. 1, Shelby, N. C.
Rev. P. F. Maloy, A. B., D. D.....Rutherfordton, N. C.
Rev. S. B. McBrayer, L. I.....Blacksburg, S. C.
Rev. W. W. Price.....162 Wilson St., Shelby, N. C.
Rev. R. J. Jeeter.....Earl, N. C.
Rev. A. H. Hopper.....R. 2, Shelby, N. C.
Rev. W. M. McEntire.....Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. W. M. Lendsey.....Shelby, N. C.
Rev. P. C. Young.....R. 3, Shelby, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Dowdle, Bth.....Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. J. B. Nance.....R. 1, Shelby, N. C.
Rev. R. M. Phillips.....Ellenboro, N. C.
Rev. H. H. Sanders.....403 E. Boundary St., Charlotte
Rev. J. B. Nance.....R. 7, Shelby, N. C.
Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B., R. 4, Box 63, Charlotte, N. C.
D. J. Avery, D. D.,..504 N. Oakland St., Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. W. H. Davidson, Bth., R. 6, Box 63, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. H. McMoore.....R. 4., Clover, S. C.
Rev. O. J. Allen, A. B.....Statesville, N. C.
Rev. G. Knox.....Blacksburg, S. C.
Rev. J. A. Hunter, Bth.....Shelby, N. C.
Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P.....Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. L. Johnson.....Bessemer City, N. C.
Rev. C. C. Harbinson.....Morganton, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Gibbs,.....R. 2, Box 60, Grover, N. C.
Rev. A. Johnson.....R. 4, Kings Mountain, N. C.

## Licentiates

Bro. E. E. Heart.....R. 1, Shelby, N. C.
Bro. G. W. Grier.....R. 3, Shelby, N. C.
Bro. J. Grier.....Shelby, N. C.
Bro. A. L. Conwell .....R. 1, Shelby, N. C.
Bro. S. R. Motz.....Kings Mountain, N. C.

## ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

### Churches, Delegates and Church Postoffice

Shiloh—Bro. L. V. Borders and Dr. P. F. Maloy, Shelby, N. C.
Hopewell—Bros. A. Brown and D. A. Conwell, Route 6, Shelby, N. C.
Pine Grove—Bros. W. M. Ramsure, M. J. Berk and D. H. Wood, Blacksburg, S. C.
Washington—Bros. J. D. Dogwood and C. L. Roberts, Route 1, Shelby, N. C.
Ellis Chapel—Bros. W. Degree and Daniel Heart, Patterson Springs, N. C.
St. Paul—Dr. D. J. Avery and Bro. W. T. Torrence, Gastonia, N. C.
St. Peter—Bros. J. C. Kennedy and E. M. Black, Grover, N. C.
Eskridge Grove—Bro. S. T. Poston, R. 4, Shelby, N. C.
Green Bethel—Bro. J. R. Hamilton, R. —, Moorsboro, N. C.
Ebenezer—Bros. A. L. Costner and J. S. Deal, R. 4, Kings Mountain, N. C.
Shoal Creek—Bros. F. Ross and D. C. Corry, R. 1, Blacksburg, S. C.
St. James—Rev. J. L. Johnson, Bessemer City, N. C.
Mt. Prospect—Bro. J. P. Humphries, Blacksburg, S. C.
High Springs—Bro. C. Finger, R. 1, Gastonia, N. C.
White Oak Springs—Bros. W. T. Bostic and T. W. Bostic, R. 1, Lattimore, N. C.
Mt. Pisgah—Bro. T. N. Carson, R. 2, Bessemer City, N. C.
Fairview—Bro. A. Webber, R. 1, Bessemer City, N. C.
First Baptist, Earl—Rev. J. R. Jeeter, Earl, N. C.
Long Branch—Bro. W. A. Bell, R. 2, Grover, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Bro. John Holland, Kings Mountain, N. C.
Center—Bros. B. Gingles and L. M. Lineberger, Route 1, Lowell, N. C.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Ebenezer Baptist Association met in its twenty-ninth annual session with Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C., September 19, 20, and 21, 1918.

### Thursday, September 19th.

The President, Rev. W. A. Roberts, conducting the devotional service lined hymn number 425, sung to the 7's and 6's sil., "Standup, Standup for Jesus." Read as a scripture lesson the 5th chapter of Ecclesiastes, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God," etc. The President emphasized the necessity of keeping a watch over our steps as we enter the house of God. Prayer was offered by Bro. W. M. Ramsaeur. The praise service was a model one in which the spirit of God seemed to prevail.

The hour having arrived for the Introductory Sermon the appointee, Rev. C. F. Gingles being absent, Rev. J. B. Nance was asked to accomany the alternate, Rev. R. J. Jeeter, Earl, N. C. Rev. Nance lined hymn number 392, C. M., "Oh that I Knew the Secret Place where I Might Find my God," etc. Prayer was offered by Bro. A. L. Costner. The President introduced the speaker of he hour, Rev. R. J. Jeeter who arose, gave for a text Gen. 2: 17. "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it," etc. From this text Rev. Jeeter preached a strong and forceful sermon. Rev. Nance led in singing "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross."

A. collection was raised by Bros. A. L. Costner and J. R. Hamilton amounting to $7.11.

The President appointed the following committees:

Enrollment—Bros. A. L. Costner, C. L. Roberts, and M. J. Berk.

Finance—Bros. D. H. Wood, B. Gingles, W. M. Finger.

Organization—Bros. W. M. Ramsaeur, A. Webber, J. D. Dogwood, F. Ross, S. T. Poston, W. T. Torrence, and W. A. Bell.

The President gave the delegation an opportunity to enroll. Amount collected on enrollment fees, $15.75. The Association being graced with the presence of Rev. A. L. Carr, B. S., of C. M. E. Connection of Shelby, and and Rev. W. H. Davidson, Bth., Charlotte, corresponding messenger from Mt. Peace Association and pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Charlotte. These distin-

guished brethren were introduced to the body by the President. These brethren being filled with words of enthusiasm and sagacity expressed to us their joy to be with us. Likewise Rev. J. H. McMoore, pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, R. 1, Bessemer City, and Rev. H. H. Sanders, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, with pleasure met the body. Time now arrived to adjourn for dinner.

Benediction by Rev. H. H. Sanders.

**Thursday Afternoon**

3:00 o'clock—The body reconvened. Bro. A. Brown conducted the praise service in which a ferver of the Holy Spirit was present. At the close of the praise service the President declared the house ready for business. A motion prevailed to hear the minutes of the morning session read, and by motion were adopted.

Report of committee on organiation: Rev. W. A. Roberts, President; Rev. P. C. Young, Vice-President; Bro. D. P. Oates, Recording Secretary; Bro. D. H. Wood, Corresponding Secretary; Bro. B. Gingles, Treasurer.

The President appointed Rev. W. H. Davidson to the chair.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report on organization. A motion that Dr. D. J. Avery install the officers carried. By motion Rev. H. H. Sanders escorted the officers to their position upon the floor. Dr. Avery with timely remarks, which were enjoyed by all, installed the officers, who, in turn expressed to the body their thanks in humble submission to the will of the body, and assured them that every exertion would be put forth to do the work assigned them. A motion prevailed to have the letters form the different churches brought forward and read. By motion Rev. J. A. Hunter, Rev. S. B. McBrayer, Rev. W. M. MeIntyre, and Bro. E. E. Heart were appointed as reading committee. After the reading of the letters a motion prevailed to adopt them. The President appointed the following committees:

Temperance—Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., Rev. J. B. Nance, Bro. T. W. Bostic, Bro. W. R. Jeffries, Rev. J. H. McMoore, Bro. A. Brown and Bro. J. S. Deal.

Education—Dr. P. F. Maloy, Bro. W. T. Bostic, Bro. D. A. Conwell and Bro. E. C. McDonnel

Statistics—Rev. S. B. McBrayer, Bro. S. H. Hopper and Bro W. M. Blanton.

Resolutions—Bro. D. H. Wood, Rev. H. H. Sanders

and Bro. J. R. Hamilton.

Home and Foreign Missions—Dr. D. J. Avery, Bro. T. N. Carson and Bro. T. W. Bostic.

Ministerial Education—Rev. J. A. Hunter, Bro. G. W. Greer and Bro. L. V. Borders.

Sunday School—Rev. R. J Davidson, Bros. S. T. Poston and A. Brown.

Corresponding Messengers—Rev. W. M. McIntyre, Bro. F. Ross, Bro. W. Degree and Rev. J. B. Nance.

Obituary—Bros. E. E. Heart, W. Earls.

Collection was raised by Bros. W. M. Ramsaeur and F. Ross amounting to $2.05.

Time having arrived to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. P. C. Young.

**Thursday Evening**

8:30 o'clock The body reassembled. The song service was rendered by the choir of Shiloh Church; while Miss Verie Earls and Miss Claybrooks presided at the instruments. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. McIntyre. Time now arrived for the welcome program as arranged by the most honored pastor, Rev. P. F. Maloy, A. B., D. D., and principal of W. U. A., Rutherfordton.

Welcome on behalf of the religious denominations of of the city was given by Dr. J. W. Roberts of the C. M. E. Church. Welcome on behalf of the Young Men's Business Club of the city was given by Rev. J. A. Hunter, Bth. Welcome on behalf of Shiloh Baptist Church was given by the pastor. Welcome on behalf of the Woman's Home Mission Society was given by Mrs. Emma Walker. Welcome on behalf of Sunshine Band was given by Miss Lathie Mae Guiton.

Instrumental duet by Miss Verie Earl and Miss Claybrooks.

Welcome on behalf of City Public Schools was given by Dr. A. W. Foster, principal of graded schools.

Welcome on behalf of the citizens of Shelby was given by Attorney C. B. McBrayer, Food Administrator for Cleveland County.

Beautiful melodies were rendered by the choir at interval throughout the program. The welcome program arranged by the most worthy pastor was unique in every respect, every speaker mastered the situation, and had the applause of the congregation.

We were indeed glad to have the honor of the presence of the Honorable Mr. C. B. McBrayer, Food Administrator of the County to heartly welcome us to the town

of Shelby.

We were glad to have the compliments awarded us relative to the progress the race has made and is making. We were glad indeed to hear him say that the negro of America now clad in uniform and carrying the flag of the great United States in the European war have to their credit the noblest of all the deeds; and being the bravest of the brave to meet the foe and fight for democracy. Replying, that the hand of justice and right might prevail, not only in Europe, but in every land and in every nation and to every man to the utermost bounds of humanity, that the God giving peace that have no respect of person rule the hearts of men for the establishment of His Kingdom throughout the world.

Yes, we are rising from ignorance and superstition to the heights of sublimity.

We would be glad to have more of the distinguished white gentlemen visit our annual bodies and see some of the best of our race and learn more of us, and when we shall have been understood aright—you will find us as a race doing our best to reach the top. And because of the noble spirit and heart filled with excellent purpose as given him from God who from one blood made all nations to rule and subdue the earth is found in the true negro of America. We would say that when it comes to to battle for the Cause of the right, our brave sons will be there to meet the foe and to subdue them.

Time having arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon. The President introduced the speaker of the hour, Dr. D. J. Avery, pastor of Ebenezer and St. Paul Churches of this body who offered prayer and led in singing "Amazing Grace." Gave for a text I Thes. 5: 22, 23rd verses. "Abstain from all appearance of evil, And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly," etc. Subject: "Sanctification," I Thes. 4: 3-7; 5: 22-23. "Sanctification, wholliness, righteousness and such words are synonymous and mean in a ceremonial manner to set apart a thing or a person for a holy purpose. The sanctification of a person is a gradual growth of that holy disposition or like which was implanted in the Christian by regeneration it is a gradual increase of faith, hope and love. 2. A gradual decrease of pride, avarice, hatred, but in a word selfishness: in proportion as we have faith, hope and love and prayer we hate doubt, hatred and other mean traits. 3 The author of sanctification in a strict sense is God the Holy Spirit, I Cor. 2: 13-15; I John 2: 20-27. Christian

virtues come from the Holy Spirit, Gal. 5:22; Rom. 12: 3. Dr. Avery preached a wonderful sermon on sanctification using timely remarks that should remain with all who heard him keeping them from divergnig into paths of sin. After the choir led in singing "Oh Lord Send the Power Just Now," Dr. W H. Davidson and Dr. J. W. Roberts lifted a collection amounting to $11.98. Time having arrived the body stood adjourned. Benediction by Dr. D. J. Avery.

**Friday Morning**

9:10 o'clock. The body reconvened. Bros. J. D. Dogwood and W. M. Torrence conducted the praise service and at the close of this service the President declared the house ready for business. By motion the roll was called. By motion the minutes were read and adopted. By motion the order of the day was called for. Special topics: 1. "Our Duty in the Present War." First speaker, Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., opened the discussion followed by Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B., Rev. P. F. Maloy, A. B., D. D., Rev. S. B. McBrayer, L. I., and Rev. J. A. Hunter, A. B. These most worthy speakers sustained themselves as great orators and heroes in helping to execute the rules and regulations of the Food Administration of Cleveland County and State. 2nd Topic: "The Layman Movement." Discussed by Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., and Dr. P. F. Maloy. These able divines brought to us things worthy of our consideration. We should rise to do more Christain work in our church and organize the Laymen movement.

The President appointed a committee on ministerial relief: Rev. J. A. Hunter, Rev. W. W. Price, and Rev. A. H. Hopper.

The President introduced Bro. J. L. Miller, President of the Gold Hill Sunday School Convention and messenger from the Gold Hill Association who came to us with Christain greetings. We were glad to have Bro. Miller visit our body. The letter from Mt. Prospect was read.

By motion the application from Mt. Zion Baptist Church relative to the ordination of the brother named in the letter was accepted. Time having arrived to adjourn the time was prolnged twenty minutes. By motion the legality of membership was discussed. Dr. P. F.

Maloy stated in his discussion that there were three ways in which a church has a right to receive members, viz: by letter, by Christian experience when the church where the member belonged had delapedated, and by professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The President introduced Rev. O. J. Allen, A. B., of Statesville. We were indeed glad to have the enthusiastic word from Rev. Allen.

Time now arrive to adjourn. A collection was lifted by Rev. P. C. Young and Rev. R. M. Phillips amounting to $7.11. The body stood adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Hunter.

**Friday Afternoon**

2:00 o'clock. The body reassembled. Bro. A. L. Costner and Rev. G. Knox conducted the praise service. Scripture lesson read by Rev. Knox, Psalms 1. Prayer was offered by Bro. Costner. After a song led by Rev. Knox, the President declared the house ready for business. By motion the minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B., made the

**Report on Sunday Schools**

We your Committee on Sunday School beg to make the following report:

Whereas, the Sunday School is one of the essential branches of the Church in furthering the cause of Jesus Christ and is recognized as a world-wide privilege by all Christians in training up the child in the way it should go;

*Be it resolved,* That each church and pastor spare no little pains in putting forth the greatest effort to have the best Sunday School in its vicinity. And each church see to it that they have the best superintendent, and teachers, that possibly can be had. And also, if possible, to have a Teacher-Training Class, graded school, graded lessons, separate departments, and organized classes. Also to use the best denominational literature. Then we shall see the fruits of it in our churches, conventions, and Association.

The Committee respectfully,

REV. R. J. DAVIDSON, A. B.,
BRO. S. T. POSTON,
BRO. A. BROWN,
REV. J. W. DOWDLE.

By motion was adopted.

Rev. J. A. Hunter, A. B., read the

**Report on Ministerial Education**

We your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following report. Whereas, many are called and few are chosen, we recommend that this Association do require that each minister applying for ordination in its bounds, that the candidate be a normal graduate or its equivalent and that we recommend our own Western Union Academy as a fit school for the preparing of our young men, because of the fact that no people will ever rise higher than the preacher, and if he is not the leader of the people to whom shall we look.

We further recommend that every aspirant for the ministry who shall attend school as much as four months in the year, that the Association pay one month's tuition for said aspirant.

Committee,
REV. JOHN A. HUNTER, A. B.,
*Chairman,*
BRO. L. V. BORDERS, *Secretary,*
REV. G. W. GRIER.

Upon motion to adopt the foregoing report, the report was discussed and objection raised to the clause that stated no minister should be ordained unless he possessed a Normal Diploma or its equivalent. Was modified by way of substitute offered by Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., that the mater be left to the discretion of the ordaining council. Motion carried.

The President introduced Mrs. O. J. Allen and family of Statesville, and Mrs. Ader Gleen of Statesville, treasurer of the Woman's Auxillary of the Rowan Association. We were very much delighted to listen to the greetings from these sisters.

The hour having arrived for special topic: "The Educational Work of the Association," by the appointee, Rev. P. F. Maloy, A. B., D. D, principal of W. U A., Rutherfordton, who came forward and for forty minutes greatly informed us of the many things needed to maintain a successful school. Dr. Maloy is a great man and an educator and is worthy of our support.

Bro. S. T. Poston read the

**Report of Committee on Time and Place.**

We your Committee on Time and Place report next sitting of the Ebenezer Baptist Association to convene with High Springs Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., on

Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919. Introductory sermon by Rev. John A. Hunter, A. B.; alternate, Rev. G. Knox.

Committee,
B. GINGLES, *Chairman,*
S. T. POSTON, *Secretary.*

By motion the report was adopted.

Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., made the

**Report on Temperance.**

We your Committee on Temperance beg to make the following report:

Whereas, we see intemperance is the habit that dethrones the reason and unfits man for any responsible position in life, be it the sense of our efforts to co-operate with all movements of the Temperance League in effort to destroy the rum, brews and other alcoholic habits. Second, we see this is one of the devil's work shops. Let us do all we can to discourage all things that tend to help and encourage the carrying on of such business. Since it is one of the devil's best agencies;

*Be it resolved,* That our churches go on record for temperance, out and out, because our boys and girls are to follow in our footsteps. Therefore, we ought to be the more careful as to the law of temperance as a moral regulation for church, business and society, even fatherhood or heads of families. Be it our motto to look into the perfect law or laws of temperance. Some think that tobacco, snuff and drink are the only things that break this law, but we quote from James, who tells us that "the man who bridleth not his tongue, his religion is vain." So we ask those who read this to think on pride, hatred, tattling and such other things that tend to destroy happiness, homes, church and society.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. R. D. HARRIS,
REV. J. B. NANCE,
BRO. T. W. BOSTON,
BRO. W. R. JEFFERIES,
REV. J. H. McMOORE,
BRO. A. BROWN,
BRO. J. S. DEAL.

By motion the report was adopted.

Rev. J. A. Hunter, A. B., made the

**Report on Ministerial Relief.**

We your Committee on Ministerial Relief beg leave

to submit the following report:

Whereas, there are within our bounds 1,760 members of the Ebenezer Baptist Association: *Be it enacted by the members of the said Association,* That each member within our bounds pay two cents the year 1919 and each year thereafter to be increased as circumstances demand, and the same to be applied to the fund known as the Superannuated Ministers' Fund; and that a central treasurer be elected, and that no money be paid out of said treasury before A. D. 1921. We recommend to this body as God hath said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Therefore: *Be it further enacted,* That each pastor who shall become incapacitated on account of old age be pensioned, and said pension be one hundred dollars annually, and at his death the same to be applied to his widow as long as she remains single.

REV. JOHN A. HUNTER, A. B.,
*Chairman,*
BRO. J. L. MILLER, *Secretary.*
REV. A. H. HOPPER,
BRO. L. M. LINEBERGER,

Upon motion to adopt the foregoing report it was discussed pro and con. Motion carried.

**Report on Ordaining Council.**

The Ordinary Council of the Ebenezer Baptist Association met in council Friday, September 20th, at Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C., and the following applicant was brought forward, Bro. Samuel R. Motz, with the following result: We recommend that the applicant peruse minutely the following books: Pendleton's Christian Doctrine, The Plain Man and His Theology, Hiscox Baptist Church Directory, the Bible, and if possible to place himself in some good school, and pray and work on.

REV. P. C. YOUNG, *Chairman,*
REV. D. J. AVERY, D. D.,
*Catechiser,*
JOHN A. HUNTER, *Secretary,*
REV. W. M. McINTYRE,
REV. R. J. DAVIDSON, A. B.,
REV. S. B. McBRAYER, L. L.,
REV. G. KNOX,
REV. W. A. ROBERTS,
*Moderator.*

By motion the foregoing report was adopted. Rev. W. M. McIntyre read the

**Report on Corresponding Messengers.**

We your Committee submit the following: We send to the different associations as messengers:

To the Lane's Creek Association: Rev. W. W. Price.
To Mt. Peace: Rev. G. Knox.
To Gold Hill: Dr. P. F. Maloy.
To Rowan: Rev. W. A. Roberts.
To Thickety Mt.:Rev. A. H. Hopper.

Your Committee,
REV. W. M. McINTYRE, *Chm'n*,
BRO. F. ROSS,
BRO. W. DEGREE,
REV. J. B. NANCE,
BRO. A. L. CONWELL.

By motion the foregoing report was adopted.

Time having arrived for adjournment. A collection was lifted by Dr. P. F. Maloy amounting to $1.80. Benediction by Dr. Maloy.

**Friday Evening**

8:00 o'clock. The body reassembled. Bros. D. H. Wood and C. L. Roberts conducted the praise service. Bro. Wood led in singing "Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove." Bro. Roberts read as a scripture lesson a part of the fifth chapter of Matthew. Bro. Wood offered prayer. Bro. W. M. Ramsaeur led in singing "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," and offered prayer. Rev. H. H. Sanders led in singing a spiritual song, "I Don't Want to Die Without the Lord." The Shiloh choir rendered a beautiful selection, "Blessed Jesus." Owing to the press for time Thursday evening the President's annual message was deferred until Friday evening.

Time having arrived Rev. W. A. Roberts, the most worthy President of the Ebenezer Association arose and delivered to us his annual message, with ortorical power and skill which was a masterpiece. Rev. S. B. McBrayer submitted a motion that the President's message be turned over into the hands of the committee on resolution. Motion carried. Rev. W. M. McIntyre led in singing "Since Jesus came Into My Heart." Time now arrived for the educational sermon by the appointee, Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., of Charlotte. Accompained with Rev. W. M. McIntyre who read as ascripture lesson Psalms 19. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. H. Sanders. "Oh Hallelujah Yes, 'Tis Heaven," was led by the Shiloh choir

and sang by the congregation. The Vice-President introduced Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., who arose and gave for a text John 1: 4, "In Him was life and the life was the light of men." From this text Rev. Harris preached a strong and forceful sermon full of instruction.

The educational collection was lifted by Dr. P. F. Maloy. Following are the names of those who gave 50c or more:

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| Dr. P. F. Maloy | $5.00 | Rev. P. C. Young | $5.00 |
| Bro. F. Ross | 1.50 | Bro. W. M. Ellis | $1.00 |
| Rev. R. J. Jeeter | 1.00 | Bro. A. L. Conwell | 1.00 |
| Rev. W. A. Roberts | 1.10 | Mrs. S. T. Poston | .50 |
| Rev. H. H. Sanders | 1.00 | Mrs. Sallie Floyd | 1.00 |
| Bro. A. L. Costner | 1.25 | Bro. G. W. Greer | 1.00 |
| Bro. W. T. Tooren | 1.00 | Bro. D. Hamilton | 1.00 |
| Rev. G. Knox | 1.00 | Bro. T. W. Bostic | 1.00 |
| Bro. W. Degree | 1.00 | Bro. M. J. Beck | 1.05 |
| Bro. D. E. Corry | 1.00 | Bro. B. Gingles | 1.05 |
| Bro. J. D. Dogwood | 1.00 | Bro. L. M. Lineberger | 1.00 |
| Rev. A. H. Hopper | 1.00 | Bro. C. L. Roberts | 1.00 |
| Bro. D. H. Wood | 1.10 | Bro. D. N. Heart | 1.00 |
| Rev. R. D. Harris | 1.10 | Bro. W. T. Gibbs | 1.00 |
| Bro. S. R. Motz | 1.00 | Bro. T. Earls | 1.00 |
| Rev. J. H. McMoore | 1.00 | Bro. W. Earls | 1.00 |
| Rev. S. B. McBrayer | 1.00 | Bro. A. Brown | 1.00 |
| Ernest McDonnel | 1.00 | Rev. R. J. Davidson | 1.00 |
| Dr. D. J. Avery | 1.00 | Bro. E. E. Hart | 1.00 |
| Rev. J. D. Doubdle | .50 | Mrs. Carrie Carpenter | 1.05 |
| Samuel Wilson | 1.00 | Bro. J. R. Hamilton | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Jennie Earls | .50 | Rev. W. M. McIntyre | 1.00 |
| Mrs. W. W. Price | .50 | Bro. W. A. Bell | 1.00 |
| Bro. S. T. Poston | 1.00 | Bro. D. P. Oates | 1.10 |
| Bro. A. Canedy | 1.00 | Bro. W. M. Ramsaeur | 2.00 |
| Bro. W. M. Blanton | 1.00 | Bro. F. N. Carson | .75 |
| Rev. A. Johnson | 1.00 | Bro. Samuel Hunter | 1.00 |
| Bro. A. Moss | 2.00 | Rev. W. W. Price | 1.50 |
| Bro. D. A. Conwell | 1.00 | Bro. L. V. Borders | .50 |

Amount collected in the educational rally was $76.80.

Time now arrived for adjourment. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. P. C. Young.

**Saturday [redacted] Morning**

9:30 o'clock. The body reconvened. Rev. H. H. Sanders and Bro. E. C. McDonnel conducted the praise service. After a song Rev. Sanders read as a scripture lesson Romans 10: 1-18 and offered prayer. Bro. C. L.

Roberts led in singing "We're Marching to Zion." Rev. Sanders led in singing "Amazing Grace." The President declared the house ready for business. By order of the President the roll was called. By motion the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. In view of the fact the inclement weather forbade the presence of quite a number of members and friends of the Association Friday evening who wished to contribute in the educational collection and quite a number being present Saturday morning, by motion the educational collection was continued. Amount collected $16.75. This amount has been added to the general educational collection and the names of those who gave 50c and more, have been enrolled.

The President introduced Rev. A. W. Foster, A. B., principal of graded schools, Shelby, who came forward and expressed his gratitude to meet the body.

Dr. D. J. Avery made the

**Report on Home and Foreign Missions**

Your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions wishes to submit the following:

The great "Captain of Our Salvation" intends every human being to have a chance to be saved; He, therefore, gives in the divine program our marching orders, by commanding us to "Go, make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the age." So we see, to Chistianize and indoctrinate the world were uppermost in the mind of our Lord and Master. Therefore: *Be it resolved,* That we, the Ebenezer Baptist Association, put ourselves on record by doing more missionary work, both Home and Foreign.

We recommend that we arrange some plan to create a Foreign Mission Fund in our respective churches. A good system, we believe, is the penny collection, just before preaching each Lord's day. Those who have tried it testify that it works well. So, we recommend it to our churches.

We further recommend that we become more in touch with the great Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention that is doing such a great work in dark Africa and bleeding Haiti. We also urge our pastors as far as possible to attend the annual sitting of the Lott Carey Convention and thereby gain new inspiration.

And we further recommend that a sufficient amount of funds be set aside to defray the expenses of our President to attend this great Convention. For we believe he would come back to us with such a missionary enthusiasm that he would stir our hearts to greater missionary activities. And thus enable us to carry forward more speedily the Master's Great Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. D. J. AVERY,
BRO. T. N. CARSON,
BRO. T. W. BOSTIC.

Upon motion to adopt the foregoing report on Home and Foreign Missions was caught on its passage and ably discussed by Dr. R. D. Harris and Dr. D. J. Avery. Motion carried.

Time now arrived for the Missionary Sermon by the appointee, Rev. P. F. Maloy, A. B., D. D., principal of W. U. A., Rutherfordton, entered the stand accompanied by Rev. P. C. Young, Vice-President of this Association, who lined hymn number 559, L. M., "Go Preach My Gospel Saith the Lord." Prayer was offered by Rev. Foster. Number 531, C. M., was lined by Rev. Young and sang by the congregation.

The Vice-President introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. P. F. Maloy, who arose, gave for a text Mat. 28: 19; Act. 1: 8; John 4: 35, "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest." 2. "Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest."

The Condition of the Field. I. The Missionary fields are before us: a. The family and near neighbor are on our hands. b. The city and community lie about us. c. Organize plans to extend the work in the district or State. d. Missionary soul-winning, missionary benevolence, mercy, missionary education—Home and Foreign. II. The responsibility of the church for these fields: a. The Christian is the light of the world and commanded to shine. b. Christ has made us salt of the earth. c. We are our brother's keeper, and must answer where he is. d. We are to occupy till he comes; cultivate, improve. III. The fields white and ready for harvest: a. The fruit is ripe; the conditions favorable; all things ready. b. Sin is sufficient alarming, damaging, destroying, overriding. c. Opportunities good; means at hand; laborers ready; God will help. d. Souls are starving for the Word. The Word quick and powerful; Spirit will lead.

IV. The operation of the Missioanry enterprise: a. Organized bands; special agents; sermons. b. Missionary boards; stations; salaries, friends. c. Wise pastors, trained, loyal and consecrated churches. d. Christian schools, Christian education; Conservation of means.

Dr. Maloy preached a wonderful sermon full of sagacity. The congregation gave great applause. Our hearts burned within us while the Holy Spirit seemed to move from heart to heart. May God's blessings ever be with all his servants.

Dr. Carr offered prayer.

Dr. P. F. Maloy and Rev. P. C. Young lifted collection, amounting to $25.30. The President introduced Rev. A. Johnson, one of the superannuated ministers of this Association and founder of many churches, who arose and in his peculiar way spoke of his biography. A collection was lifted for Rev. Johnson, amounting to $13.11. Dr. Carr sang a beautiful solo, "I Am Coming Home." The letter from St. Peter's Church was read. Time having arrived to adjourn the body stood adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. A. Johnson.

### Afternoon Session

At 2:15 o'clock, the body reconvened. Praise service was conducted by Bros. A. Brown and E. McDonnel. Music was rendered by the Flat Rock choir. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. McMoore. The President declared the house ready for business. By motion the minutes of the forenoon session were read and adopted.

Bro. D. H. Wood read the

### Report of Finance Committee

We your Committee on Finance submit the following: We received from the various churches: Hopewell, $21.35; St. Paul, $32.00; Pine Grove, $22.70; Washington, $27.25; Center, $8.00; Long Branch, $12.50; High Springs, $3.25; Shiloh, $12.15; Eskridge Grove, $12.55; Fairview, $4.00; Green Bethel, $12.15; Ebenezer, $8.20; Shoal Creek, $18.00; Ellis Chapel, $16.80; St. James, $5.40; First Church of Earl, $3.00; Mt. Pisgah, $6.50; Mt. Zion, $5.00; White Oak, $5.80; Mt. Prospect, $2.90; St. Peter, $6.00; total, $245.50.

Penny Collections: Thursday noon, $7.11; Thursday afternoon, $2.05; Thursday evening, $11.98; Friday noon, $7.11; Friday afternoon, $1.80; Friday evening,

$60.05; Saturday morning, $16.75; Saturday noon, $25.19; A. Johnson, $13.11; for Prof. Foster, $4.31; enrollment, $15.75; for Shiloh, $7.11; total, $172.32.

Grand total, $417.82.

Committee,

C. FINGER,
B. GINGLES,
D. H. WOOD.

By motion the foregoing report was adopted.

Bro. A. L. Costner read the

## Report on Appropriation

We your Committee on Appropriation beg leave to submit the following report. Pay the following orders:

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| To President | $ 10.00 |
| To Vice-President | 4.00 |
| To Recording Secretary | 13.50 |
| To Corresponding Secretary | 2.50 |
| To Treasurer | 7.00 |
| To Programs and Distribution | 7.15 |
| To Distribution Minutes | 4.00 |
| To Minutes | 27.00 |
| To Sexton | 3.00 |
| Paid out: | |
| To Union Advocate | 7.00 |
| To Winston Orphan Home | 6.00 |
| To Superannuated Ministers or Their Widows | 9.84 |
| To Education to Union Treasurer | 250.00 |
| To General Traveling Expenses to Exect. Bd. | 6.06 |
| To Shiloh Church | 7.11 |
| To Rev. A. Johnson | 13.11 |
| To Rev. A. W. Foster for Teacher T. School | 4.31 |
| Additional Cost of Minutes | 15.50 |
| Total received $417.82 | |
| Total paid out | 397.08 |
| Balance on hand | $ 20.74 |

Committee,

F. ROSS,
W. A. BELL,
D. C. CORRY,
W. M. RAMSURE, *Chm'n*,
J. D. DOGWOOD,
DANIEL HEART,
REV. G. KNOX,
A. L. COSTNER, *Secretary*.

Upon motion to adopt, the foregoing report was caught on its passage and amended by substiuting an additional amount sufficient to pay for the programs. Motion prevailed that we donate $4.31 to Dr. A. W. Foster for Teachers' Training School. Said amount was collected from the congregation.

Bro. E. E. Heart read the

## Report on Obituary

We your Committee on Obituary beg leave to submit the following report: Deaths occurred as follows:

Shiloh—Two, Bro. R. Hambrick and Sister Lula Whisnant.

Ellis Chapel—One, Bro. Augustus Degree.

Pine Grove—Four.

St. Paul—Three.

Mt. Pisgah—One.

Ebenezer—One.

St. James—One, Sister Mary Rhodes.

Fairview—One, Sister Lizzie Webber.

Long Branch—Two.

Shoal Creek—Two.

St. Peter—Two.

Washington—Two, Bro. James Rivers and his daughter, Mary.

We recommend that we hold a few minutes sacred in honor of our deceased.

Committee,

W. EARLS,
E. E. HEART,
REV. J. L. JOHNSON.

Upon motion to adopt, the foregoing report was caught upon its passage, and by motion all business suspended three minutes in honor of the deceased. "Nearer My God to Thee" was led by Dr. Maloy and sung by the Association.

The Report on Obituary was adopted.

Rev. S. B. McBrayer, L. I., read the

## Report on Statistics

See report on last page.

By motion the foregoing report was adopted.

## Report on Resolutions

We your Committee on Resolution beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the pastor of each church see that the Lay-

man Movement is organized in their respective churches.

2. That each church will have a special rally some time during the year, and report the same at the next sitting of the Association for educational work.

3. That a penny collection be lifted each regular meeting day for Home and Foreign Missions.

4. That the President's annual message be placed in the minutes.

Committee,

D. H. WOOD,
J. R. HAMILTON,
H. H. SANDERS.

By motion the foregoing report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that the President be messenger to the State Convention. The President introduced Mrs. J. W. Roberts, of Shelby, N. C., who had just returned home from a visit to Nashville, Tenn., filled with enthusiasm, brought to us greeting.

A special collection was lifted for Shiloh Church amounting to $7.11. A motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be tendered the good pastor, members and friends of Shiloh Church. By motion Bro. D. H. Wood of Pine Grove Church returned the vote of thanks. Bro. Wood arose and with unaffected pleasure on behalf of the Association, spoke of the creditable manner the good pastor, members and friends of Shiloh Church had entertained the Association. Shiloh is an index for two reasons. First, because of its magnificent building and for the amount of money raised during the sitting of the Association. Greater interest is being manifested in the educational work, and we are trusting in Him who ruleth both Heaven and earth that more interest be taken and that instead of raising four or five hundred dollars, raise one thousand. Let us not be satisfied until we raise one thousand dollars during its next sitting. Let every delegate and minister bring five dollars ($5.00) instead of one dollar ($1.00) and we can raise one thousand dollars.

By motion submitted by Dr. P. F. Maloy, the body stood adjourned to meet in its next session with High Springs Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919.

Thus closed a very great session of this Association. By a special invocation offered by the President, Rev. W. A. Roberts, the body stood adjourned to meet in its next session with the High Springs Baptist Church, Gas-

tonia, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919.

Watch-word: "Let us be dutiful unto prayer. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

## CONSTITUTION

D. H. Woods, P. F. Maloy, W. W. Price and W. Earl were appointed as a Committee to revise the Constitution.

We, the Missionary Baptists of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina, being convinced of the necessity of a combination of the churches in order to promote the cause of Christ and to maintain and keep the rules of the Association, we therefore agree to the following rules:

### ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This body shall be called the Ebenezer Baptist Association.

### ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of delegates elected by the churches, and their pastors, and the delegates must have their membership in the bounds of the Association.

Section 2. No church shall send more than three delegates.

Section 3. All ordained ministers who are not too old, except the founders, who failed to attend the Association, their names shall not be put on the roll. Licentiate preachers subject to the same rule.

### ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be

President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Section 2. All officers must have their membership in the bounds of this Association.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall act, when necessity calls, in the absence of the Association and report the same to it.

Section 4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer. The Vice-President may assume the same duties in the absence of the President.

Section 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all the proceedings, prepare minutes for the press and send same to various organizations.

Section 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall do all the correspondence with other organizations.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall give complete security for all monies entrusted in his care.

## ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. Every Baptist church should support Missions, Education, Church Extension, etc. Therefore this Association shall require such of them.

Section 2. If any church that belongs to this Association fails to keep the rules of the Association it shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from said church.

Section 3. The Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of the church rights as a body.

Section 4. This Association will hold no church as a member who licenses a brother to preach who can not read, spell and write reasonably well, and has a fair knowledge of the Bible and English language.

Section 5. Any church becoming disorderly, the Executive Board shall investigate and if possible settle the matter or report the church to the Association. No

complaint shall be heard from a church in the Association except through a committee.

## ARTICLE V.

Section 1. Whereas, the divorce law is greatly abused, and that God commands that husband shall have but one wife, and wife but one husband. Therefore: *Be it resolved,* That this Association recognize no church which holds a husband with more than one wife and a wife with more than one husband, in its fellowship.

## ARTICLE VI

Section 1. Every church shall pay annually to the Association $1.00. Those numbering over 50 members $1.50. Those over 100 members $2.00. Those numbering over 150, $2.50. Those having 200 members $4.00, and so on.

Section 2. Each member of the church belonging to this Association shall pay 10 cents annually and each minister 25 cents for educational purposes.

Section 3. All money collected during the Association, Sunday included, shall be used for Associational purposes, unless otherwise ordered by the Association; and no money shall be paid out until the close of the same.

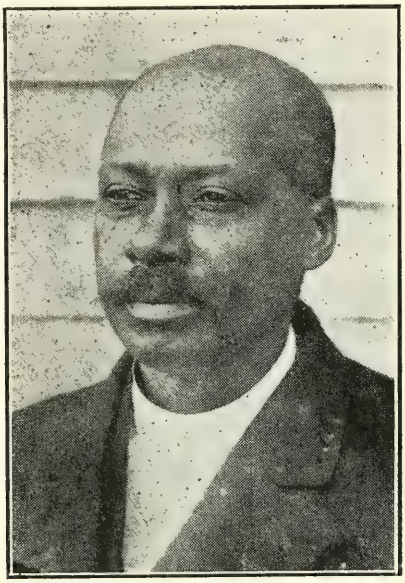
Section 4. One-tenth of all money collected, except for education during the Association, shall be given superannuated Ministers who are not in charge of a church; and at death to their widows.

## ARTICLE VII

Section 1. This Association shall meet Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September and adjourn the following Saturday of each year.

## ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.



**REV. PROF. W. A. ROBERTS**
**Shelby, N. C., R. F. D. 1**
**President of the Ebenezer Baptist Association**

Shelby, N. C., September, 1918.

## ANNUAL ADDRESS OF REV. W. A. ROBERTS
**To the Ebenezer Baptist Association in Session with the Shiloh Baptist Church of Shelby, N. C., September 19, 1918**

Mr. President, Delegates, Brother Ministers and Friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Association:

It is with explicit pleasure and profound gratitude that I come before you in this the 29th annual session to bring to you my message.

In the providence of God we are here, our hearts are full of gratitude and thanks to Him for the blessings of the past.

## Introduction

Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hand unto God, and princes shall come out of Egypt has long been verified.

Standing as we are out in the open field of the providence of God, with his hand outstretched and pouring His divine blessing down upon us in copious showers. We are indebted to be thankful.

I am thankful that while satan has stood on the banks of oblivion and as a great general called up his fiends and marshaled his mighty forces against the Church and humanity, that we as Christians have a great General leading the Church who has ever been victorious and is leading as a conquering King the Church militant in this the unparalleled age of all history.

Our crisis of today as a race and denomination, the world crisis of today is the outgrowth of illiteracy, superstition and sin.

Truly it has been said we are of the lineage and descendant of Ham. Truly it has been said that as a race we have undergone the oppression of slavery, and have suffered and endured almost untold barbarities, we have been disfranchised, Jim Crowed, lynched and denied, but scan the history, if you please, an we as a race have been blessed to have coursing in our veins the blood that makes brave men and great heroes, on every battlefield that the negro has been permitted to plant his foot, and lift his hand as a soldier from the time Jesus was struggling up the Mount of Crucifixion, with the cross on his shoulders. When Simon helped my Lord and your Savior to carry his cross, until today, our brothers and our sons are in the camps in the navy, in trenches and some on bended knees before God.

## Religious Progress

That the negro has treaded well with the talent delivered him we have but to review a little of his progress in America since his emancipation. He has increased in population over one hundred and twenty-five per cent. Out of a population of over ten million, there are more than thirty thousand ministers. He has a church population of nearly six million, with over two million dollars

worth of church property.

From the bush arbor and the log cabin he now has church edifices ranging in value from three hundred dollars to two hundred thousand dollars. He has theologians from leading seminaries and thousands of laymen filling the various professions of life.

He owns more than half of a million homes, operates more than a million farms, conducting more than forty businesses, and has accumulated more than a billion dollars in wealth. He has at least 70 per cent of his race literate.

We own more than five hundred colleges and normal schools, among which our W. U. A. is a unit. We have about two million students in public schools taught by more than thirty thousand teachers.

We have raised for our own education more than two million dollars. We have more than forty thousand churches, with over forty thousand Sunday schools, carrying an enrollment of more than a quarter of a million pupils.

## Baptist Progress

It is a matter of facts and of pride that we Negro Baptists alone have about three million communicants, over twenty-six thousand Sunday schools, over two thousand associations, and nineteen thousand preachers, and one million and a half of Sunday schools, and a church property valuation of about one million dollars. We have more than one hundred missionaries in foreign fields.

We have raised more than a quarter of a million dollars for Foreign Missions. As early as 1790 one dozen missionaries sailed from New York to Africa.

Since 1895 the Negro Baptists have established a publishing plant at Nashville, Tenn., now valued at more than three hundred thousand dollars.

## Democracy

Realizing that the hope of democracy is education, I rejoice that we have put great emphasis on the enlightening of the masses, for one of the essentials of greatness of a nation depends upon the average mental power of that nation. Citizens and mental power depends absolutely upon education.

In view of the righteousness of the cause for which democracy pleads, at no time in the history of our government has the negro responded to the call of any President in number and spirit as he has done under the administration of President Wilson.

There are over 32,000 Negro soldiers in arms in the trenches in France. It might be said with equal emphasis that at no time in the history of our government have so many negroes been commissioned to office in the United States Army.

One of our race, Mr. Emmett J. Scott has been honored with the position of assistant to Secretary Baker in matters apperataining to the race in connection with the war.

We believe in the principles of democracy, our denomination stands for them. We believe in the reign of justice, peace, equality of opportunity, the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

A few years ago our great American Republic was engaged in commerce. She was sailing her ships upon many seas, when Germany who for forty years had given her attention to war—a country or kingdom whose King or Emperor has made it the height of his ambition and pride to teach or indoctrinate into the minds of his subjects that they belonged to him body and soul. A country which has grown so low as to be the cause of crimes beneath the conduct of humanity. A country who has a King today upon the throne who has set at naught two of the great commandments of the Bible. Thou shalt have no other God before Me; and the second, Love thy neighbor as thyself. A nation that has grown haughty and proud.

When the American ship, the Lusitania, 900 feet in length, and costing the Government $3,000,000, was carrying over the sea its passengers of women, children and men, was sent to the bottom of the ocean by a German torpedo which was only 14 feet in length and cost $1,400 dollars. This act said to America, men nor nations have no rights that Germany need to respect.

It is a fact that God has never helped a nation or race or an individual until they become dissatisfied with their condition. Moreover, he has never given to a race

or a nation the improvement which they are so anxious for until those people produce a man or set of men that He could use in their uplift.

When Israel in Egypt became dissatisfied with their condition they had to produce a Moses whom God educated in the school of experience for the matchless task.

Allow me to mention Martin Luther whose sun in the Reformation skies will never set as long as time lists.

Look if you please at our immortal Abraham Lincoln, filled with patriotism and love for mankind, with a trembling hand, though firm as the Strait of Gibraltar, signed the American proclamation which set at liberty four million slaves.

Our attention is called to the man of the highest distinction and highest honors of any man in the world. and that man is President Wilson, who stands up in the stirrup of manhood and riding the horse of authority guided by the reins of intelligence and dictates the policy to a peace loving world.

Dear Brethren, as Afro-Americans, our pass was a blessing in disguise. The providence of God has interwoven our interest with that of the proud, domnieering Anglo-Saxon with all his centuries of culture and development. So that whatever affects one affects the other, one cannot go up or down without the other.

We have the distinction of having tunneled the mountains. We have been the prime factors in making this the greatest country on the globe.

Though many of our fathers and mothers who lie sleeping in the silent tomb have a slab to mark their last resting place, and others of us have not even a chicken rooster to crow for the break of day. Yet our record will show that we never held an indignant meeting nor played the traitor at any time.

But we have always been true to our friends and we assure the powers that be, that with the war cloud hanging dreadfully dark over this Christian land, and in the midst of the greatest crisis of the world, we can be depended upon to play our part, and co-operate with the plans of the Government to win the war.

The French, the British, the United States and the Allies are struggling to dethrone a government of Autoc-

racy and to win ;our great chieftain has called for five million armed men.

Autocracy is next door neighbor to slavery, and slavery is degenerating.

If the Christian Church will win in the great conflict to dethrone illiteracy and enthrone knowledge, put down superstition and raise a standard for truth and righteousness.

If the Ebenezer Association would do her part in dethroning sin and iniquity, the laity and the officers and the ministers must all do their part.

To meet the demands of the day Uncle Sam has camps all over this country, where men are trained to make them more efficient to fight and hold up the colors and stripes of this matchless Government.

If we as Baptists would hold up the doctrine of the Bible in this age of the world we must have prepared men and women.

We look with pride toward the west to a most desirable location for a school in the healthy climate of the mountains in the town of Rutherfordton.

A location upon which has been erected buildings suitable for the training of young men and women, and in answer to prayer this school is under the auspices of a man that the denomination is proud of.

Our fathers and the brotherhood that compose the Ebenezer Association have done well. We recall with honor some of the fathers who were the founders of this organization two years ago, Rev. Ellis and Rev. S. Fox, of Washington Church, Rev. S. Hunter and Rev. P. Wilson of Shiloh Church. These venerable and God-fearing men were always found at their post. These fathers and leaders brought us to where we are, and if we would move up to accomplish the work to be done we must be more united, and make a greater sacrifice.

This is a day of consecration to duty and to the service of Almighty God. We, as members of this grand body, are here to unify our work, to unite our efforts to make it over the top.

To build up our race, to make our denomination stronger, to lift up Jesus Christ in our walks, in our speeches, in our songs, in our sermons, and in our prayers.

We are silently, though firm as Gibraltar, contend-

ing for the faith once delivered to the saints. And since the white man is paying such a sacrifice in his own life's blood for peace, and democracy, and we are doing the same right by his side.

And since the white man's God is our God, his Savior our Savior, his sorrow our sorrow, and both of us will spend eternity in the same heaven, members of one superior family, our Father the Judge of all the earth.

We invariably believe that when the belching cannons, the rapid firing, and the long range guns will have subsided, the dense smoke of the poisonous gas and the dreadful war cloud will have passed away, and our brave boys dressed up in Uncle Sam's uniforms will take down their camping tents and return to the American shores with palms of victory in their hands and old glory on their shoulders with her stripes of victory floating in the breeze.

Then all the world in one united voice will cry out, peace on earth and good will to men.

Yours submitted,

W. A. ROBERTS.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES | CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES | Days of Preaching | Baptism | Received by Letter | Restoration | Lost by Letter | Excluded | Died | Education Fee | Representing Fee | Membership | Pastor's Salary | Value Church Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shiloh | P. F. Maloy, Rutherfordton, N. C. | P. H. Wilson, Shelby, N. C. | 1-3 | 7 | 0 | 02 | 0 | 2 | 1 | $10.00 | $2.00 | 100 | $300 | $5,000 |
| Mt. Zion | H. H. Sanders, Charlotte, N. C. | D. M. Blanton, Kings Mtn., N. C. | 1-3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5.00 | 1.00 | 40 | 100 | 1,000 |
| Fairview | P. C. Young, Shelby, R. No. 1 | Mrs. G. E. Dixon, Cherryville, N. C. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3.00 | 1.00 | 30 | 100 | 1,300 |
| Eskridge Grove | P. F. Maloy, Rutherfordton, N. C. | Robert Eskridge, Shelby, N. C. | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10.00 | 2.00 | 100 | 165 | 2,000 |
| High Springs | S. M. Lowry, Gastonia, N. C., R. 1 | Monroe Dixon | 2-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.50 | 1.00 | 25 | 175 | 575 |
| First Baptist | R. J. Jeeter, Earls, N. C. | C. A. Accor, Earls, N. C. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 20 | 50 | 400 |
| Center | R. J. Davidson, Charlotte, N. C. | L. M. Lineberger, Lowell, N. C. | 1-3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6.50 | 1.50 | 65 | 250 | 1,500 |
| Mt. Prospect | R. J. Jeeter, Earls, N. C. | C. G. Garret, Blacksburg, S. C. | 1-3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.90 | 1.00 | 19 | 100 | 1,200 |
| Ellis Chapel | W. W. Price, Shelby, N. C. | W. R. Jeffries, Patterson, N. C. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 16.00 | 2.00 | 160 | 150 | 3,000 |
| Pine Grove | R. D. Harris, Charlotte, N. C. | D. H. Woods, Blacksburg, S. C. | 2-4 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 20.20 | 2.50 | 196 | 225 | 4,200 |
| Long Branch | A. H. Hopper, Shelby, N. C. | W. A. Bell, Grover, N. C. | 2-4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10.00 | 1.50 | 100 | 125 | 1,500 |
| St. Paul | D. J. Avery, Gastonia, N. C. | A. L. Garvin, Gastonia, N. C. | 2-3-4 | 30 | 1 | 0 | 42 | 6 | 3 | 28.00 | 4.00 | 280 | 600 | 6,000 |
| St. James | W. M. McIntyre, Charlotte, N. C. | Ben Weber, Bessemer, N. C. | 1-3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4.40 | 1.00 | 44 | 260 | 1,000 |
| Green Bethel | S. B. McBrayer, Blacksburg, S. C. | E. Wray, Boiling Springs, N. C. | 2-4 | 20 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10.30 | 2.00 | 103 | 225 | 1,800 |
| Ebenezer | D. J. Avery, Gastonia, N. C. | C. J. Ramseur, Kings Mtn., R. 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6.70 | 1.50 | 67 | 180 | 2,000 |
| Shoal Creek | W. W. Price, Shelby, N. C. | J. H. Gaston, Blacksburg, R. 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 15.50 | 2.50 | 150 | 150 | 1,800 |
| Mt. Pisgah | J. H. McMore | Minnie Carson, Bessemer, N. C. | 1-3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5.00 | 1.50 | 50 | 150 | 1,400 |
| White Oak | C. C. Harbson, Morganton, N. C. | T. W. Bostic, Lattimore, N. C. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.80 | 1.00 | 48 | 100 | 600 |
| Hopewell | P. C. Young, Shelby, N. C. | Isaac Williamson, Shelby, N. C. | 2-4 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 18.85 | 2.50 | 184 | 210 | 2,000 |
| Washington | C. F. Gingles, Dallas, N. C. | G. Borders, Shelby, N. C. | 4 | 32 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 20.00 | 4.00 | 200 | 150 | 1,500 |
| St. Peter's | W. W. Price, Shelby, N. C. | W. L. Logan, Grover, N. C. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5.00 | 1.00 | 50 | 130 | 2,000 |